

- HOUSTOUN (JOHNSTON) SCREVEN HOUSE - HABS NO GA-246

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HOUSTOUN-JOHNSTON-SCREVEN HOUSE
Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

Owner: Site of Lucae Theatre.

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Date of Erection: Approximately 1784.

Present Condition: Destroyed 1920 to make room for the Lucas Theatre.

Iron work on side porch added by Dr. James Proctor Screven 1849.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Brick foundation. Interior floor wood.

Exterior walls wood. Roof metal.

Other Existing Records: Photographs made from photographs owned by Miss Edith M. Johnston, Savannah. Article in Atlanta Journal Oct. 13, 1935 by Florence Marye.

Additional Data: Georgian doorway. Groined vaulted plastered ceiling in hall, curved stairway, paneled wainscot.

The house was built by Gov. John Houstoun, third son of Sir Patrick Houstoun, 5th. Baronet, about 1784; John H. Houstoun became Gov. in Jan. 1778, also in Jan. 1784, and was made mayor of the newly incorporated Savannah in 1789. John Houstoun's term as Mayor was from March 8, 1790 to March 9, 1791. He represented Georgia in the Continental Congress of 1775. Elected from Chatham County to the Georgia Assembly and qualified in the Assembly Jan. 20, 1792. Elected Speaker of the House Jan. 8, 1783. Is spoken of by C. C. Jones Jones Jr., as a "Brilliant Lawyer."

Dr. James Proctor Screven bought the property in 1849. The above data furnished by Miss Edith Johnston, 217 E. Charlton St., Savannah, Georgia and J. Houstoun Johnston, Piedmont Ave. N.E. Atlanta, Georgia.

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